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# IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS FILED COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS 7/31/2017 KEITHRICK THOMAS DEANA WILLIAMSON, CLERK

KEITHRICK THOMAS *Appellant/Petitioner*, V.

STATE OF TEXAS Appellee/Respondent.

## FIRST UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

Comes Now Appellant/Petitioner and files this his First Unopposed

Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Discretionary Review. In

support of this motion, Appellant/Petitioner shows the following:

1. Appellant/Petitioner was convicted of the felony offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1 1-4 Grams on February 23, 2016. Appellant/Petitioner was assessed a sentence of two (2) years imprisonment on March 14, 2016. Notice of appeal was given on March 14, 2016. On October 27, 2016, the 14<sup>th</sup> Court Appeals set the appellate case for submission on December 7, 2016. The case was submitted on December 7, 2016. The 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals - Houston Division rendered its opinion and judgment in Keithrick Thomas, Appellant

- vs. The State of Texas, Appellee, No. 14-16-00230-CR, on June 8, 2017. The petition for review was due on July 10, 2017.
- 2. Appellant/Petitioner requests an extension of time of thirty (30) days, to August 23, 2017. This is Appellant/Petitioner's first request for an extension of time in this case. No prior extensions have been granted to the Appellant/Petitioner in this case.
- 3. Appellant/Petitioner relies on the following facts as a reasonable explanation for the requested extension of time: Appellant/Petitioner's counsel, in addition to preparing a brief on the merits in this case, must also devote time to additional matters and among other pending cases, since the 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals issued its Opinion in the instant case, Counsel had due a Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct a Sentence in a complex federal matter. Also, Counsel was on vacation the week of June 26 - 30, 2017, which notice was duly and timely filed. Further, Appellant/Petitioner was a passenger in a vehicle that was involved in an auto accident. Appellant/Petitioner suffered a cervical spine fracture. As a result, Appellant/Petitioner was placed in a position of relying on Appellant/Petitioner's family to assist with generating Appellant/Petitioner's legal fees, which contributed to delay.
  - 4. The undersigned has conferred with opposing counsel, who

indicated there was no opposition to this request.

WHERFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Appellant/Petitioner prays that this Court grant this motion for extension of time, extending the time to file Appellant/Petitioner's Petition for Discretionary Review to August 23, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/97 Westbrooks

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

As required by Tex. R. App. P. 10.1(a)(5), I certify that I have

conferred with Harris County Assistant District Attorney Clint Morgan, who indicated that this motion is unopposed.

/s/97 Westbrooks
Nicolette Westbrooks

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, on July 24, 2017,  $\,$  I served a copy of this motion through

the electronic filing manager on the following: State of Texas, by and through Clint Morgan, 1201 Franklin Street, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77002.

/s/97 Westbrooks
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